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oppositions would be due on September 23; and the fully-briefed motions would be filed on September 26.

- 4. On September 11, the Court issued an order rescheduling the conference for October 1 a date when counsel for Roots and Gap were unavailable.
- 5. On September 12, the parties jointly filed a stipulation and proposed order, requesting that the pretrial conference be adjourned until October 6.
- 6. The parties also agreed to exchange motions *in limine* on Monday, September 15. I requested this extension because my wife required multiple emergency room visits that week due to intractable pain caused by kidney stones. She is schedule to have surgery on Wednesday, September 17 to remove the stones.
- 7. Later on September 12, the court issued an order rescheduling the pre-trial conference to September 26.
- 8. On September 15, the parties served their motions *in limine*. Roots served two motions. Gap served <u>six</u> motions (exceeding the five-motion limit), one of which is <u>17 pages</u> <u>long</u> (exceeding the seven-page limit).
- 9. Gap did not seek "advance permission" to exceed the motion and page limits, as required by paragraph 1(f) of this Courts Guidelines for Trial and Final Pretrial Conference In Civil Jury Cases ("Trial Guidelines"). Rather, Gap's counsel, Dan Jackson, informed me on September 15 of Gap's intent to exceed both the five-motion limit, and the seven-page limit for one of the briefs. When I did not immediately consent, Mr. Jackson announced that Gap would file an ex parte application with the Court simultaneously with service of the motions.
- 10. Noting that the Trial Guidelines require the parties to file fully-briefed motions *in limine* seven days before the pretrial conference, Gap proposed that the parties agree to serve oppositions to the motions three days later, on Thursday, September 18.
- 11. I responded that three days would not allow Roots sufficient time to respond to six separate motions, totaling 46 pages. In addition, the schedule was unworkable because of

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